

II. REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-15, 17-31, 33-36, 38-49, 51-54 and 56-77 (Office Action, dated October 1, 2009, at 2, lines 12-14). Claims 37 and 55 are withdrawn claims. However, claims 37 and 55 depend upon allowed claims 33 and 51, respectively. Therefore, claims 37 and 55 should be rejoined with the allowed claims in accordance with MPEP § 821.04.

By the present amendment, the specification has been amended so to include an intentional misspelling of hyperlinks in order to avoid embedded hyperlinks and/or other computer readable code in the specification. Applicants believe these changes should overcome the Examiner's objections to the specification in view of the telephone conversation conducted between Examiner Yasin M. Barqadle (571-272-3947) and Applicants' attorney, Wesley Ashton, on September 11, 2009. Examiner Barqadle contacted Applicants' attorney to suggest the changes made to the specification by the present amendment.

The specification has also been amended to address minor typographical errors and grammatical issues. The specification has also been amended to incorporate by reference U.S. Patents corresponding to foreign patents that have been incorporated by reference. Specifically, U.S. Patent Application Nos. 08/543,876 and 08/708,795, which correspond to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,572,643 and 5,737,619, respectively, are the priority documents relied upon by WO 97/15020 (See, e.g., Item (30) on face of WO 97/15020). Because WO 97/15020 has been incorporated by reference and is not a U.S. Patent, Applicants incorporate by reference corresponding U.S. Patent Nos. 5,572,643 and 5,737,619 (See also The Delphion Integrated View corresponding to

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WO 97/15020 A1, downloaded October 16, 2009, filed herewith as “Exhibit AA”). U.S. Patent 6,807,570 B1 is a U.S. patent corresponding to JP 10-222541 A2 as evident from the Delphion Integrated View corresponding to JP 10-222541 A2, downloaded October 16, 2009, and filed herewith as “Exhibit AB.” Therefore, the specification has been amended to incorporate U.S. Patent 6,807,570 B1 by reference. U.S. Patent 6,222,541 B1 is a U.S. patent corresponding to JP 11-288426 A2 as evident from the Delphion Integrated View corresponding to JP 11-288426 A2, downloaded October 16, 2009, and filed herewith as “Exhibit AC.” Therefore, the specification has been amended to incorporate U.S. Patent 6,222,541 B1 by reference.

A substitute specification in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.125 is attached to incorporate the changes outlined above. The substitute specification contains no new matter.

Claims 16 and 32 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application in order to pursue patent protection for the inventions of claims 16 and 32.

The present amendment adds no new matter to the above-captioned application.

III. CONCLUSION

The specification has been amended to overcome the Examiner’s objections.

Claims 1-15, 17-31, 33-36, 38-49, 51-54 and 56-77 have been allowed. Furthermore, claims 37 and 55 depend upon allowed claims 33 and 51, respectively, and should be rejoined with the allowed claims in accordance with MPEP § 821.04. Thus, claims 37 and 55 should be allowed for the reasons of record.

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For all of the above reasons, claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17-31, 33-38, 40-49 and 51-77 are in condition for allowance, and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly appreciated.

Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for Applicants.

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